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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN VISITORS TO VIET CONG ZONE

1. MFA SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR STUDY AND RESEARCH (GIANG) TOLD US THIS MORNING (SEPTEMBER 25) THAT GVN HAD HEARD REPORT THAT AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY (ALP) DELEGATION WOULD VISIT COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED AREA IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. GIANG SAID MFA HAD APPROACHED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE FOR CLARIFICATION. GVN PRESS SPOKESMAN AT MORNING BRIEFING OPINED THAT "AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT" WOULD BE VERY CAREFUL IN ANY DECISION TO DISPATCH DELEGATION TO VIET-NAM, ESPECIALLY TO VIET CONG AREAS.

2. CHECKING REPORT WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, WE WERE TOLD THAT REPORT OF VISIT WAS CARRIED ON RADIO AUSTRALIA THIS MORNING. ACCORDING TO BROADCAST, THREE-MEMBER DELEGATION COMPOSED OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE VICTORIA ALP ORGANIZATION, A TRADE UNION OFFICIAL AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF A DISARMAMENT GROUP. VISIT WOULD BE "UNOFFICIAL, FACT-FINDING TOUR."

3. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER MENTIONED APPROACH BY GVN AND STATED THAT MFA SEEMED SATISFIED BY EMBASSY'S EXPLANATION WHICH, HE SAID, INCLUDED NOW-STANDARD RECITATION OF FACTS OF POLITICAL LIFE IN AUSTRALIA. OFFICER INDICATED VISIT WAS SIMPLY LATEST ATTEMPT BY ALP'S "FAR-LEFT FRINGE" TO MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT
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FOR PARTY "ESTABLISHMENT".

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY CANBERRA
WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON THE VISIT, INCLUDING THE DATE AND FURTHER
DATA ON THE PERSONALITIES INVOLVED.
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